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SUBJECT: 1978 DEFENSE PLANNING SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOP
1. THERE FOLLOWS IN PARAGRAPH 4 BELOW THE TEXT OF
DRC/N(77)18, A NOTE BY DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC)
CHAIRMAN ASYG MUMFORD SUGGESTING THAT THE 1978 DEFENSE
PLANNING SYMPOSIUM FOCUS ON THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM.
MUMFORD PLANS TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT AT DRC MEETING JULY 5.

2. COMMENT: WE AGREE STRONGLY THAT NEXT YEAR'S SYMPOSIUM
SHOULD FOCUS ON THE LTDP, AND WE LIKE MUMFORD'S OUTLINE.
NOTING THAT SPEAKERS ARE SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION, WE WOULD
LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SIGNAL IN ADVANCE THAT AMBASSADOR KOMER
WILL ATTEND AND KEYNOTE THIS IMPORTANT SYMPOSIUM.
END COMMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE BY OOB JULY 5.

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DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE

1978 DEFENSE PLANNING SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOP

NOTE BY THE CHAIRMAN

. PLANNING FOR THE 1978 DEFENSE PLANNING SYMPOSIUM AND

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WORKSHOP IS NOW UNDERWAY. IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXPERIENCE GAINED IN 1977, WE ARE PLANNING ONCE AGAIN TO HOLD A SYMPOSIUM WHICH WILL DISCUSS TOPICAL POLICY ISSUES, AND ALSO A WORKSHOP WHICH WILL BE CONCERNED WITH MORE PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF DEFENSE MANAGEMENT.

PLACE

. 2. PREFERENCES EXPRESSED HAVE ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY BEEN IN FAVOUR OF OBERAMMERGAU. SUBJECT TO SHAPE APPROVAL, THE SCHOOL HAS AGAIN OFFERED THEIR PREMISES.

TIMING

. 3. IN VIEW OF PRESSURE OF WORK EXPECTED EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR, THE MOST SUITABLE TIME FOR THE SYMPOSIUM WOULD BE JANUARY. SINCE WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE HELD IN THE GARMISCH AREA LATE IN JANUARY, THE ONLY PERIOD DURING WHICH WE CAN COUNT ON SUFFICIENT HOTEL ACCOMMODATION IS FROM 8TH TO 22ND JANUARY. I THEREFORE PROPOSE TO HOLD THE WORKSHOP AT OBERAMMERGAU ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH TO FRIDAY, 13TH JANUARY, AND THE SYMPOSIUM ON MONDAY, 16TH TO WEDNESDAY, 18TH JANUARY, 1978.

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. 4. I THINK IT WILL BE BOTH TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE FOR THE DISCUSSION AT THE SYMPOSIUM TO FOCUS ON THE CHALLENGE POSED TO NATO BY THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAMME, INITIATED BY HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AT THE LONDON SUMMIT, BOTH FROM THE INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL STANDPOINTS; THIS DISCUSSION COULD TAKE ONE OF THE MAJOR PROGRAMMES -- AND I THINK THAT AIR DEFENSE MIGHT SERVE VERY WELL -- FOR DETAILED SCRUTINY AND THE TASK FORCE DIRECTOR AND HIS TEAM COULD BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. A TENTATIVE PROGRAMME FOR THE SYMPOSIUM IS SET OUT AT ANNEX. I AM IN TOUCH WITH POTENTIAL SPEAKERS AND WILL INFORM THE COMMITTEE IN DUE COURSE OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. THE DISCUSSION IN THE SYMPOSIUM WOULD, OF COURSE, UNDER THE NORMAL PRACTICE BE INFORMAL AND WITHOUT COMMITMENT BY ALL CONCERNED.
WORKSHOP

. 5. A DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR THE WORKSHOP IS BEING PUT TOGETHER; SUGGESTIONS CAN BE MADE DIRECTLY TO MR. PUHL.

. 6. THIS MATTER WILL BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF OUR NEXT MEETING.

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END TEXT OF NOTE BY THE CHAIRMAN. BEGIN TEXT OF ANNEX:

1978 DEFENSE PLANNING SYMPOSIUM

MID-JANUARY 1978, OBERAMMERGAU

SKELETON PROGRAMME

MAIN THEME: THE LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME

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FIRST DAY:

I. THE CONCEPTUAL APPROACH TO A NATO LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME: AMBASSADOR KOMER (1)

II. A NATO LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAMME AS A TOOL FOR DEFENCE PLANNING BY A MAJOR NATO COMMANDER: MNC OR REPRESENTATIVE

III. NATO'S APPROACH TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LONG-TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME: ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FOR DEFENCE PLANNING AND POLICY -- MR. W. F. MUMFORD (1)

IV. DISCUSSION

SECOND DAY:

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I. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAMME
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. (A) THREAT EVALUATION
. (B) OPERATIONAL CONCEPT
. (C) EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENT, MIX, NUMBERS, TIME-
. PHASING
. (D) CONCLUSION AND OUTLOOK

(1) SPEAKERS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION
II. DISCUSSION

THIRD DAY:

I. UNITED KINGDOM EXPERIENCE: UNITED KINGDOM SPEAKER(1)

II. GERMAN EXPERIENCE: GERMAN SPEAKER (1)

III. PANEL DISCUSSION: CHAIR, ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL
FOR DEFENCE PLANNING AND POLICY, MR. W. F. MUMFORD:

. EXPERIENCE GAINED, CONCLUSIONS DRAWN AND OUTLOOK FOR
FUTURE

(1) SPEAKERS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

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